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The 25th National Law-Related Education Conference

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Youth, Education & Law: Current Issues, New Directions

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New Orleans, Louisiana | Hotel Monteleone | French Quarter



Overview

Hosted by the ABA Division for Public Education, the National LRE Leadership Conference serves as the principal, national professional-development meeting and networking conference for leaders in the law-related education field.

Designed for national, state, and local LRE leaders, bar associations, education organizations, and other educational and service groups working with youth, the conference provides a showcase for exemplary programs and best practices from around the country, as well as the opportunity to build new and stronger networks. Through the voices of prominent educators, lawyers, and political and civic leaders, the conference also offers attendees the opportunity to participate in an informed and engaging discussion of topical legal issues that connect LRE with the broader social studies curriculum, with school reform, and with juvenile justice issues and settings.

Core competencies

Leadership training

Professional development

Resource development and distribution

Curriculum development



Past Conferences



- Separation of Powers: Principles and Conflicts (Phoenix, 2006)
 - Race and the Constitution (Philadelphia, 2004)
held in partnership with the National Constitution Center
 - Best Practices: Revitalizing Today's LRE Classroom (Albuquerque, 2002)
 - Law Matters: Engaging Youth to Learn Serve & Lead (Atlanta, 2000)

Past presenters and panelists



Samuel Chaltain, project coordinator, First Amendment Schools (The Freedom Forum)



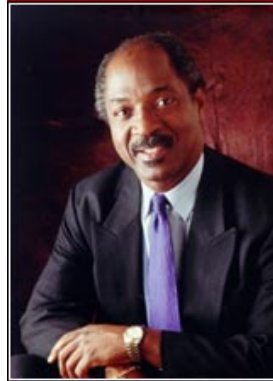
Justice R. Fred Lewis, Supreme Court of Florida



John Milewski, vice president for broadcasting & communications, Close Up Foundation



Diana L. Eck, professor of comparative religion and Indian studies; director, The Pluralism Project, Harvard University



Charles J. Ogletree, Jr., professor, Harvard Law School; author, *All Deliberate Speed: Reflections on the First Half-Century of Brown v. Board of Education*



Hon. Marjorie O. Rendell, U.S. Court of Appeals (Third Circuit); First Lady of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Annette Gordon Reed, professor, New York Law School; author, *Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings: An American Controversy*



Barbara Perry, Senior Fellow in Civics Education, University of Louisville; Professor of Government and founding executive director, Center for Civic Renewal and the Virginia LRE Center, Sweet Briar College



Isidore Starr, professor of education, Queens College (retired), and “father of law-related education”

Additional past presenters and panelists have included:



Peter Irons, professor of political science, Univ. of California, San Diego; Supreme Court expert; author and 5-time winner of the ABA Silver Gavel Award



David E. Skaggs, Executive Director of the Center for Democracy & Citizenship Program at the Council for Excellence in Government; Of Counsel to Washington-based Hogan & Hartson LLP; former U.S. Congress Member (Colorado)



Hon. Ruth V. McGregor, Chief Justice, Arizona Supreme Court



Michael S. Greco, 2004-2005 President, American Bar Association



Diana Owen, assoc. professor of political science, Georgetown University; co-author, *New Media and American Politics*, and *Media Messages in American Presidential Elections*



Suzanne Spaulding, managing partner, Harbour Group, LLC; national security expert; Congressional staff director and general counsel; former Exec. Director, National Commission on Terrorism



Hon. Judith M. Billings, presiding judge, Utah Court of Appeals; past chair, ABA Standing Committee on Public Education



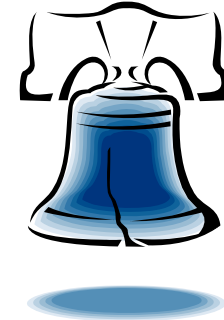
David L. Appleby, professor of communication, University of Memphis; Recipient of the U. of Memphis Eminent Faculty Award, and the Alumni Association Awards for Distinguished Research and Creative Achievement

Background

The mission of the ABA Division for Public Education is to promote public understanding of law and its role in society by:

- Promoting and providing access to educational programs and resources about the law for all settings.
- Promoting public understanding of the importance of civic engagement generally, and of the roles, rights, and responsibilities of citizens, in the United States system of government.
- Mobilizing the resources of the ABA and its members to fulfill the professional responsibility of lawyers and judges to further the public's understanding of and confidence in the rule of law and the American system of justice.
- Engaging a diversity of people and organizations in public education programs about the law.

Reaching more than 25 million people each year, the ABA Division for Public Education's programs, publications, and resources are designed to educate and inform youth, undergraduate college and university students, and adults about law and the justice system so that they are better equipped to meet the challenge of productive engagement in our democracy.



"I know no safe depository of the ultimate powers of the society but the people themselves; and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion by education."

--Thomas Jefferson

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